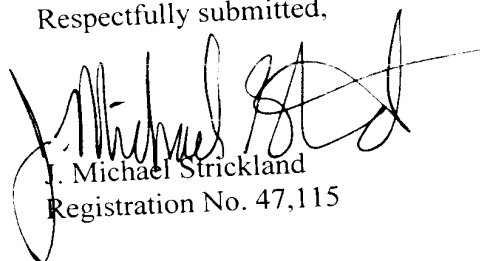


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REMARKS

The above amendments are made to claim priority to the above-identified patent applications. Claim 28 has been amended to conform to U.S. practice.

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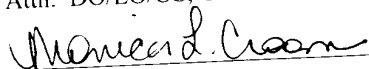
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28. (Amended) A method for inducing a protective immune response in a subject at risk of developing *H. ducreyi* infection comprising administering to the subject a vaccine according to [one of Claims 20-27] Claim 24 in an amount sufficient to induce an immune response.